葬送のフリーレン
FRIEREN
Chapter 139 Blacksmith Kreis
1
...And what is this?
I just bought it.
Try crying "meow"~
Übel-sama.
Mm~
What's up?
Would it be possible for you to share some details of your battle with the Special Forces of Magic?
Frieren-sama instructed me to ask.
Four-Eyes explained that already to everybody earlier, didn't he?
It seems she wishes to hear from your perspective, Übel-sama.
Also, did you not hear the sound of some flying insect?
Ehh...
So that was the uncanny feeling I had.
In that case, my mind wasn't tricking me.
2
Still, it was pretty long,
my Mana Detection didn't work,
and I couldn't see anything, so it was difficult.
Even if I knew the secret behind that trick,
I doubt that makes it any less of a threat, though.
Well whatever,
I wonder where I should start.
Erm,
in order to tackle the mission, I had to go to Four-Eyes' village——
Please keep it concise.
Eh~
It's been so long now, let's have a chat~
Say,
are we really going on a search for those Shadow Warriors
relying on just these profiles?
The Imperial Capital is insanely massive.
Plus, we already went into battle with them once,
and the ball's being held tomorrow,
so wouldn't they lay in hiding until then?
You should tell that to Sense, the one who issued this order.
However, this is far better than doing nothing.
It would be most ideal if we could take precautions against this assassination plot, after all.
3
Still, frankly, I don't envision us finding them either.
The conclusion will, for better or worse, unfold at the ball.
And this woman's mana—our one and only lead—
has never been detected again since then too.
If only Fern could've pursued her after what happened.
She was obstructed much sooner than anticipated.
We do not know where the Special Forces of Magic stand.
However, Fern was wise to choose retreat over capture.
He did not seem to be the type to go face-to-face against.
At the moment, Fern is inquiring for detailed information,
so once she's done, shall we go on a hunt for those Shadow Warriors as well?
This is taking quite a while, huh...
Well they are close friends.
4
By the way, where's Sein?
He left already.
He's far more motivated than we are.
...I see,
well you're not wrong there.
... Damn it,
where are you...?
Kreis,
close up shop for today already.
Why say something like that?
I've got a life as well.
Blacksmith Kreis
Because of your Shadow Warriors' missions,
we've been held down by this alcoholic "little sister" who sinks all of your hard earned money into her drinks.
Nobody's gonna babysit her if it costs them money.
Schritt's skill with the sword ranks her within the top five even within the Empire.
You're quite knowledgeable, aren't 'cha?
You're exactly right.
Which is why we're never going to die.
We'll surely survive tomorrow's mission as well.
I get it already.
Hurry on back.
Don't interfere with another's work.
5
...There was someone snooping around for you.
Is that so,
you properly dealt with them, yes?
He was a priest with a goatee.
...Did you deal with him?
Nay,
there were people around.
Besides, that man,
he had absolutely no doubt that you were the capricious fellow who kept calling himself "Warrior Gorilla".
He's never going to find someone like that even if they're around.
Even if I say so myself, it is a silly name.
So it was the right decision for me to give up on it.
Wouldn't it obviously be difficult to find him without his real name?
An adult man called "Warrior Gorilla".
I can't imagine him persisting in calling himself by such a silly name.
A silly name, you say...
Indeed,
it is a silly name, isn't it?
6
If one aspires to become a hero who is remembered forever,
the impact of a name is quintessential, apparently.
He would get angry if I called him by any other name, you see.
Claiming he'll get "forgotten".
For such a childish reason,
he's had this ridiculous obsession.
And it is because of that that I've already forgotten his real name.
But now I've lost him entirely.
That's why the person I'm looking for now is the "Warrior Gorilla".
If he has given up his dream
and is now living happily somewhere,
then that's not so bad either.
However, if he still calls himself by that name,
then I need to pursue him.
We swore to become heroes who are remembered forever, together.
How ridiculous.
In-deed,
and by the way, I'm Priest Goatee.
Doesn't ring a bell.
Hehe heh
7
That man told me he was called "Priest Goatee".
It certainly sounded like a joke,
but that name is clearly memorable to me.
Why are you telling me all this?
According to Wolff's report,
that man was apparently a priest in Frieren's party.
He is now a new addition to the list.
So we will need to take care of him afterwards.
And I ask, why are you telling me all this?
...My apologies.
Do you want me to tell you to stop?
Here, Lore,
eat until you're full.
You're really not getting off your bed.
How faaasci-nating.
If you're afraid, would you like me to hold your hand?
...It is only natural.
8
Since Lore-san is a superior commander in battle,
she has never been exposed to enemy attack until now.
So I too cannot believe this.
But it ended after just one blow, right?
And since she isn't dead,
Lore's still better off.
Once, when I messed up,
I got all of my fingernails torn off by the enemy, you see.
Even though I could never give up the location of my comrades.
Since the commander in battle at the time was Klematis,
he quickly came to my rescue and healed me, though—
...None-theless, what do you think he told me afterwards?
All right,
now you can wield a weapon again.
Head back to the front lines quickly.
That man's... definitely twisted in the mind, isn't he?
"We're not repairing some golem here, you know."
Even though I was in so much pain that I was going to cry.
9
Huh?
Stop that.
That's why I think it's right for Lore not to leave her bed.
Because if not, she'll keep getting dragged onto the battlefield over and over by Klematis.
To him, we're merely pawns used to execute a mission, after all.
Iris,
how is Lore-kun doing?
Any chance of her return?
That would be a negative.
She's useless now.
Is that so.
Well, let's just consider it a good thing that we've acquired a record on the battle.
We will need to re-organize our strategy.
By the way, Iris.
Huh?
...What will happen with my dinner?
Who cares,
go starve to death.
SLAM
...Are you sure?
You will be the only one to command in battle.
I would sacrifice as many pawns as necessary to ensure victory,
but that does not permit me to lead them to pointless deaths.
I have no intention of bringing deadweight onto the battlefield.
Lore has been nurtured as my successor.
This loss will surely serve as good experience for her as well.
10
She's a clever girl.
But not as clever as I was when I was younger, though.
Therefore, she should at least be able to settle things after this mission.
So I can rest assured here,
and send myself as a pawn to the grave as well.
How many are going to die?
...If you are not satisfied,
then being the com-mander of the Shadow Warriors,
you could personally take over the reins as well.
Wouldn't you agree, Governor-General Löwe?
Being the com-mander, you say.
Even though you are aware that
that is essentially in name only.
At the end of the day, I only function as a killer,
an un-educated warrior.
I too am nothing more than a pawn.
May I know the reason why Serie must be assassinated?
Is a reason necessary to accomplish the mission?
It may lead to the outcome you desire.
...Your Excell-ency.
It would rid this world
of magic.
11
So you didn't find him, then.
There's no helping it.
The Imperial Capital is a big place, after all.
Frie-ren,
you people are going to infiltrate the ball.
As Serie's body-guards.
Take me with you.
Sure.
Even I find it more reassuring to have a priest with us.
If you need my help, I'll offer as much as I can,
there-fore—
Sorry.
I can't promise anything.
Both the Shadow Warriors
and the Special Forces of Magic
don't seem to be opponents we could hold back on killing.
To me, Fern and Stark's lives are most important,
so since we won't be holding back, I can't promise.
12
However, I intend to put in everything it takes
to attain the most ideal outcome.
Thank you.
That's good enough.
It's a little surprising you know,
since I heard this mission was forced upon you.
You're far more motivated than I expected.
Frankly, I couldn't care less about Serie's assassi-nation plot,
and I believe that running away from such a dangerous mission would be the right choice.
But even so, this country was something left behind by my Master.
Even though almost all living evidence of her is fake now,
this country where everyone can use magic is a real thing that Master left behind.
Therefore, I aim to attain the most ideal outcome.
Since that is surely impossible for Serie, who covets battle.
...Even now, she's arbitrarily igniting the flames.
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13
...Geez,
you have a short temper, after all.
You don't have to do such a thing for me to already know
that I'm im-mature...
... Frieren?
...We could not secure a good outcome, could we?
Mhm.
Even though we're even giving openings for them to ambush us.
Frieren-sama seems to be somewhat tense.
And Fern is rather composed, isn't she?
...Well,
I do acknowledge being worked up.
I honestly wonder why I never noticed.
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There are two threats to the Imperial Capital which cannot be turned a blind eye to.
Among them is the commander of the Shadow Warriors, whose sole profile is missing and whom we have no name to work with.
While the other
has been constantly watching us——
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Nay... Chances are, there is someone observing everything that's going on in the Imperial Capital.
Come to think of it, Frieren-sama,
you claimed that it felt like we were under constant surveillance,
after we entered into the Imperial Capital, correct?
Not long ago, Serie's Mana Detection engulfed the entirety of the Imperial Capital.
Are you aware?
...I do not know that much,
but I have had this feeling of being seized by some immense power since not long ago.
It is un-settling.
I'm sure any other superior mage would feel it too.
But even so, considering Serie's might,
it's too easy to notice due to how obvious it is.
It was without a doubt, deliberate.
Sense is picking a fight with someone we are unable to perceive.
15
...Are you trying to say that that personage was observing us?
I don't know.
The possibility is high,
but it's probably not enough to be able to assert.
That's how "weak" it is.
...Weak?
The mutual interference of Mana Detection.
I noticed from how flashy Serie made it.
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A Mana Detection so cowardly weak and exact,
it wouldn't be a surprise if it faded away at any moment.
That has been stretched across the Imperial Capital.
Captain Phrase.
The case of the ball's security is progressing smoothly.
Good.
I have spoken with our superiors about allowing the Special Forces of Magic to act freely.
So do not worry, go and execute your mission.
16
...And what mission would that be?
Maintaining the peace in the Imperial Capital during the National Foundation Festival.
In-deed,
that is what I ordered.
That is the mission you had appointed to us.
Because otherwise, bloodstained soldiers like us
would never be able to step foot inside that brillant ball.
Do you have any questions regarding the details of this mission?
Kanone.
The ball is a symbol of peace,
so any sort of interference from the Shadow Warriors is unacceptable.
No.
I am aware.
17
In that case, let us speak about maintaining the peace.
Unforeseen circumstances can occur at any time.
So we must devise measures against those as well.
Are you hoping for an unforeseen circumstance to occur?
It sounds like you do have questions for me.
What do we do if a battle breaks out between the Continental Magic Association and the Shadow Warriors?
With the exception of the use of military force by the power of the state,
there is no law permitting killing in this country.
Which means, when it does happen,
exact judgement under the law of the Empire.
Ka-none,
I pray you will make the correct decisions.
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There is no Frieren next week.
Everything we do is for the Empire's
eternal prosperity with magic.

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